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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES BID FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (4-22) - The Arkansas State Highway Commission approved a bid for improvements to roadways in Franklin County, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

The purpose of the project is to resurface 6 miles of Highway 41 and 2.5 miles of Highway 398 east of Charleston. The work on Highway 41 will extend north from Highway 22 near Branch. The work on Highway 398 will extend east from Highway 41, north of Branch.

Blackstone Construction, LLC of Russellville, Arkansas was awarded the contract at \$1,374,200.50.

This project is being funded with revenue generated from the severance tax on natural gas.

Construction is scheduled to begin in two to four weeks, weather permitting. The project should be complete this summer.

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